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SUBJECT: TANZANIA EXPELS LONRHO

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1. DAILY NEWS OF 3 JUNE FEATURED IN BOLD HEADLINES TANGOV
STATEMENT THAT LONRHO NO LONGER WILL BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE
IN TANZANIA BECAUSE THE BRITISH FIRM IS "KNOWN TO HAVE UNDER-
MINED THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." LONRHO
REQUIRED WITHIN THREE MONTHS TO SELL TO STATE-OWNED COMPANY
ITS ASSETS IN SOME EIGHTEEN TANZANIAN FIRMS.

2. STATEMENT NOTED EXPANSION OF LONRHO'S SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS
IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA AND ACCUSES ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF
MEDDLING IN POLITICS AND SKIRTING SANCTIONS ON RHODESIA. STATE-
MENT CITED COPPER OPERATIONS AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES THAT
WERE EXPOSED IN UK TRADE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

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3. STATEMENT REAFFIRMS TANGOV POLICY THAT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE
CONTINUES PLAY "AN ACCEPTED BUT SUBSIDIARY PART IN THE ECONOMY"
AND DIRECTS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO INTERRUPTION OF THE
SERVICES OF BUSINESSES FROM WHICH LONRHO FORCED TO DISINVEST.
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4. COMMENT: LONRHO REPRESENTATIVES HERE SAY ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AS COMPLETE SURPRISE. IT IS CLEAR FROM RESEARCHED NATURE OF STATEMENT THAT TANGOV HAD BEEN CONSIDERING SUCH ACTION FOR SOME TIME. TIMING AND PROMINENT FEATURING OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION COMES AT TIME WHEN TANGOV IS EXPRESSING SERIOUS ALARM ABOUT "NEO-COLONIALIST" ACTIONS BY WEST IN REGARD TO SHABA EVENTS. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER TANGOV ACTION AGAINST LONRHO IS FIRST POST-SHABA SIGNAL THAT TANGOV INTENDS DRAW SHARPER LINE IN RELATIONS WITH WEST OR WHETHER ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME MERELY COINCIDENTAL. EMBASSY WILL PURSUE QUESTION DURING NEXT FEW DAYS.
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